Grow-Your-Own Program
GEtSET (General Education to Special Education Tuition)
Funding Source: Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA)

Competitive Grant Notice

Another great tuition assistance grant opportunity is on the way! Exceptional Student Services, Professional Learning and Sustainability (Recruitment and Retention) (ESS/PLS/R&R) presents the brand new fiscal year (FY) 2015 partial tuition assistance grant. If you have a current or anticipated shortage of special education teachers, this Grow-Your-Own Program grant may be the solution you need.

An Arizona school district or nonprofit charter school with a current or anticipated special education teacher need may apply for an eligible general education teacher with the desire and motivation to complete certification requirements for the:
- Cross-Categorical Special Education, K–12 Certificate for disabilities commonly known as high incidence disabilities (to become Mild to Moderate Professional Teaching Certificate on or about January 1, 2016);
- Early Childhood Special Education, Birth–5 Years Certificate; or
- Severely and Profoundly Disabled Special Education, K–12 Certificate for disabilities commonly known as low incidence disabilities (to become Severe and Profound Professional Teaching Certificate on or about January 1, 2016).

This competitive grant will pay for one-half of the college tuition required for an eligible general education teacher to pursue a career change to become a special education teacher.

We hope that the grant application will go live in the new Grants Management Enterprise (GME) accessible through ADEConnect by April 14, but please be aware that a fund alert will not be posted. The name of the grant is 2015 IDEA–GEtSET YEAR 1. If you are interested in partnering with your general education teacher and PLS/R&R in growing your own special education staff, please contact Celia Kujawski, IDEA Capacity Building Grant Coordinator, at 602-542-4610 or email Celia.Kujawski@azed.gov.

All grant applications must be submitted online in the new GME system accessible through ADEConnect. The Common Logon that you currently use will no longer be valid for grants access. As an external user, you must register with ADEConnect for Grants Management access in order to continue working with your grant programs in the new GME. If you do not currently have access, please forward contact information (name, email address, phone number) to the Grants Management team at CPUGroup@azed.gov.